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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title

A POLARIZATION -STABLE VERTICAL CAVITY SURFACE EMITTING LASER DEVICE AND A METHOD OF STABILIZING THE POLARIZATION OF A VERTICAL CAVITY SURFACE EMITTING LASER DEVICE
a [] copy of which is being filed herewith, or [X] was filed **January 14, 2002** and given application no. **10/050,087**.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of the foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below:

Prior Foreign Application

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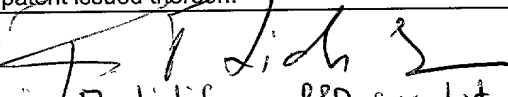
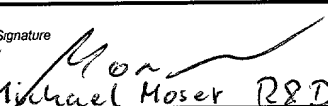
I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

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